



# Animal Aid Communiqué

Keeping you updated on the latest news from Animal Aid of Tulsa

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ANIMAL AID OF TULSA IS A 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATION FOUNDED IN 1961. OUR MISSION IS TO RESCUE SICK, INJURED, OR ABUSED STRAY CATS AND DOGS IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA AND HELP THEM FIND LOVING FOREVER HOMES.

IF YOU BELIEVE IN THIS MISSION,  
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## Winter Cat Shelters

Every winter local rescue groups get together to transform donated styrofoam coolers/shipping boxes into cat shelters. We make an entrance and fill them with straw. These will keep our small stray friends warm during the cold temps of winter.

Do you have any styrofoam coolers in your garage? Send them to us! We will use them! If there is a neighborhood stray that you care for, a group of cats that are fed, this is exactly what they will need when the weather turns cold.

Just bring them to our Thrift Store on 21st and we will turn them into life saving havens for our less fortunate friends

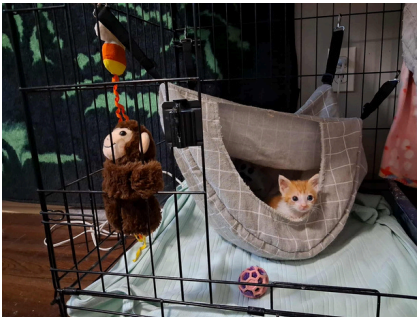
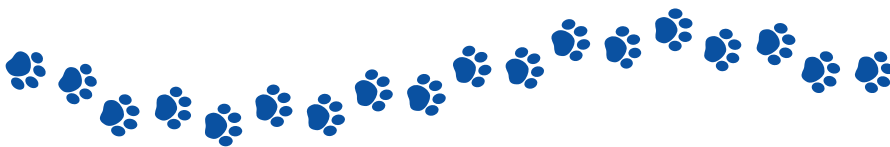
## Before and After



Before  
After



**Orion** came to us with a hip that was fractured in multiple places. After a long road of recovery, this sweet boy is doing better than ever and can't wait to find his forever home!



Before  
After



**Brynn** came to us as a tiny, very sick bottle baby. She struggled with eating, and was sick multiple times, but she is a fighter! She is not completely medically cleared for adoption yet, but she is getting better every day. Hopefully this spicy girl will find her forever home in the near future!

## WAYS TO HELP

**FOSTER** - Fostering helps not only our animals' emotional well-being, but also helps keep costs down by reducing boarding fees. Apply at [animalaid.org/foster](https://animalaid.org/foster).

**ADOPT** - Visit our website for our adoption event schedule and information on available pets. You may also email us at [animalaidoftulsa@gmail.com](mailto:animalaidoftulsa@gmail.com) if you have questions about specific animals.

**MONETARY DONATIONS** - Monetary donations can be mailed to: Animal Aid of Tulsa, 6811 E 21st Street, Tulsa, OK 74129. You can also donate on our website [animalaid.org/donate](https://animalaid.org/donate).

**SUPPLY DONATIONS** - We are always in need of dog/cat food, cat litter, treats, etc. for the animals already in our care. Donations of [amazon.com](https://amazon.com) or [chewy.com](https://chewy.com) gift cards are greatly appreciated so we can order supplies directly from merchants.

**SHOP AT ANIMAL AID THRIFT STORE** - Our thrift store is located at 6811 E 21st St (just east of 21st and Sheridan). Our hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 10am to 5pm. Donations are accepted Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 11am to 4pm.

**PARTNERS** - We have a list of partners on our website at [animalaid.org/partners](https://animalaid.org/partners). Some of them offer incentives (percentage of their sales are donated to Animal Aid) to us when you use the links provided on our website.

**SOCIAL MEDIA** - Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (@animalaidtulsa), and TikTok (@animalaidoftulsa) and share our stories and posts with your friends and family members. Our animals need as much exposure as they can get! Animal Aid Thrift Store has its own Facebook and Instagram pages (@shopanimalaid) where you can be the first to see unique treasures and great deals!

THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN OUR MISSION!

# Preparing Your Pets for the New Baby

By Brandi Dixon

Maybe you are thinking of adding on to your existing family or you're already expecting a little, beautiful disruption to everything you previously thought was normal (a.k.a. a child). It's never too early to start preparing your furry friends, both feline and canine to make them as comfortable with your new life transition as possible. Everything from their surroundings, their space and their schedules will likely change; it's good to make those changes intentional and gradual. Here is a brief outline of some considerations to make and some situations to prepare for. I'm no expert, but our kitties and puppies all cohabitate well with their tiny, new, furless, squalling siblings so I like to think our methods were effective.



**Training:** This can apply to both our canine and feline friends. Do your pets have any behaviors that would be dangerous or just won't work in a household with small children? Do they jump on people? Are they reactive on walks? Are there areas of the house, like a new nursery, that you would prefer to be pet free? As soon as you know a baby is coming, that's the time to make sure you're changing these behaviors. You hopefully have at least 8 months to get everything worked out. Consult with a trainer if needed, start changing what spaces your pets are allowed in, make the changes you need now rather than later. Handling these things early will make your lives a little easier in those first few months when you're so tired you're rocking a stuffed animal to sleep after the baby is already snoozing.

**Space Changes:** Your space is about to accommodate another being but it's important to make sure your pets still feel at home. Babies turn into toddlers who take some time to learn that their fur siblings need space and may not appreciate their grabby hands or unsteady locomotion. Make sure your pets have spaces of their own, away from the perils of sticky fingers and earsplitting wails. This may be an extra baby gate to give a canine a space of their own, a new tower for a kitty to perch atop, or a kennel to give them a safe spot they can retreat to.

**Routine Changes:** Our pets thrive on routine. When do we go for a walk? When and what do we eat? How do we do all these things and how might they be different with a child? Any changes can be disruptive and the more you can foresee and change before you bring a baby home the easier your pets will be able to adjust to their new lifestyle. Will your daily walks with fluffy include a stroller now?

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## Continued...Preparing Your Pets for the New Baby

Start off by trying to walk them with an empty one (or put a cute stuffed animal in there if you're feeling whimsical). Will feeding times or locations need to change? Change them early, well before the baby comes. You may also want to change any scents you can as early as possible. Some babies require detergents for sensitive skin or you may want to change what fragrances or other cleaning chemicals you use in your home. All of those are big changes for our furry friends and making them earlier will make the transition easier for them.

**Welcoming the newcomer:** Your new baby is here! Hopefully your pets have learned all the manners they need, have a cozy spot for themselves, have learned to deal with their new routines and are excited to meet their new, furless sibling. There are still a few small things you can do to ease the introduction. Setting a soiled diaper and a blanket your new baby has used and allow your pets to smell it. They'll get themselves acquainted with the scent of this new interloper you've brought home. When you're ready to introduce your baby, make sure they meet their fur siblings when they're calm(not wailing) and let the fur babies come to them. Don't try to force your pets to be near or touch the new baby, let them approach on their own. It may take time before they're comfortable approaching and that's okay.

Hopefully these ideas were helpful and made you think of ways to prepare your own pets for their new lifestyle. Now you can enjoy your new baby and your beloved pets! Inevitably there will be new routines and more changes to accommodate. For now you've prepared for what you're able and it's time to huff that new baby smell, get as many cuddles as you can manage, and nap while you can because you're going to be up in the middle of the night soon enough.

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# Planning for Your Pet's Care After Your Death

By Leisa Gebetsberger

Fluffy is Grandma's treasured and beloved pet but then outlives Grandma. What happens to Fluffy? While you may have been dutiful to create a Will or a Trust for what happens to your money and belongings once you die, have you made plans for your pet if your pet outlives you? Owning a pet brings immeasurable joy and love into our lives but pets are completely dependent upon us for their care. If you become unable to care for them, you can make plans in advance for their ongoing care so they will be spared from being taken to a shelter.

One option is to have an attorney include a provision in your Will or Trust to ensure your pet has the kind of ongoing care and attention you provided during their lifetime upon your death. It is a way for you to provide resources for the benefit of your pet and gives you the opportunity to direct and provide for their continued care and support. You can designate a caregiver in the Will or Trust for your pet with a lump sum awarded to them for your pet's ongoing care.

Another option is to have a Pet Trust, now recognized in all 50 states. Just as you can create a trust for your family or a favorite charity upon your death, you can create a pet trust to provide ongoing care for your pets upon your death. Pet trusts are a legally enforceable way to ensure your wishes are carried out for the benefit of your pet. The trust can be as specific as you like. For instance, you can specify that your pet likes only a certain kind of food, or you want to be sure they see the veterinarian a certain number of times each year.

The caregiver you select should be someone you know who will be responsible for taking good care of your pet and ensuring all their needs are met according to your specifications. It is also advisable to name a successor caregiver in case the first one you name is unwilling or unable to assume the duties of being a caregiver for your pet. Be sure to identify your pet, with a specific physical description, a microchip or DNA sample, or you can simply say "any pets owned by me at my death."

You can fund your pet's care in the Will or Trust by identifying which assets are to be distributed for your pet's care, e.g. a specific amount of cash, an investment or life insurance proceeds. You should calculate how much funding will be needed to cover the expense of your pet's standard of living and care. You will also want to provide instructions for the final disposition (burial or cremation) of your pet upon their death.

This is a convenient and easy way to ensure your pets will receive the same level of care and lifestyle they are accustomed to receiving from you. The unconditional love of our treasured pets vastly improves the quality of our lives so let's all make sure we have a plan in place to ensure their ongoing care for when we are unable to provide that care ourselves!



## Current Adoptables



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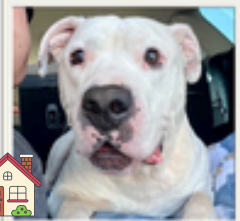
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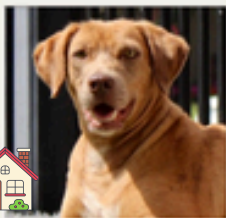
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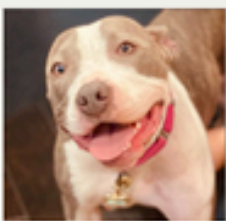
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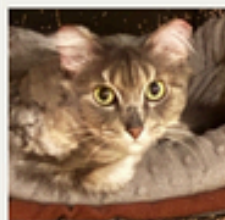
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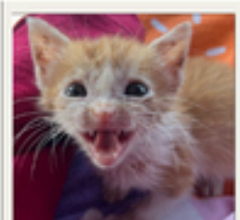
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DECEMBER 13, 2025 10AM-2PM

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6811 E 21<sup>ST</sup> ST TULSA, OK, 74129

ADOPTABLE CATS AND DOGS,  
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